

Lesson XI.

ÆNEAS AND DORCAS

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Acts 9 : 31-43—Memory Verses, 40 to 41.

Golden Text—And Peter said unto him, Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole : arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.—Acts 9 : 34.



31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judæ'a and Galilee and Samar'ia, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

32 And it came to pass, as Pe'ter passed throughout all *quarters*, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lyd'da.

33 And there he found a certain man named Æne'as, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Pe'ter said unto him, Æne'as, Je'sus Christ maketh thee whole : arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lyd'da and Sar'on saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Jop'pa a certain disciple named Tab'itha, which by interpretation is called Dor'cas : this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died : whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lyd'da was nigh to

Jop'pa, and the disciples had heard that Pe'ter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Pe'ter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber : and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dor'cas made, while she was with them.

40 But Pe'ter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed ; and turning *him* to the body said, Tab'itha, arise. And she opened her eyes : and when she saw Pe'ter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Jop'pa; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass that he tarried many days in Jop'pa with one Si'mon a tanner.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last the churches throughout Judea and Galilee had rest from persecution. The fierce Saul had become a follower of Jesus. The wonderful story will be told at the beginning of next Quarter. The Holy Spirit guided the disciples and made them strong. Many more people joined them.

As Peter went through the land, visiting the churches, he came to the village of Lydda. There he heard of a man named Æneas, who had been ill of palsy for eight long years. Peter went in to see him, and said, " Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee well. Rise up, and make thy bed". And immediately Æneas, perfectly cured, got up from the bed where he had lain for so many years. And when the

people who lived in Lydda and round about saw that Æneas was made well, they believed on Jesus.

Now at Joppa, a city not far from Lydda, there lived a follower of Jesus named Dorcas. This woman was full of kindness, and was always making things for the poor, or doing them good in some other way. Now, while Peter was at Lydda, Dorcas fell ill and died ; and they laid her in an upper chamber ; and the disciples sent two men asking Peter to come to them quickly in their trouble.

So Peter hurried back with the messengers, and they took him into the room where Dorcas lay. And the poor widows whom she had helped were standing about, mourning, and